

House Resolution No. 1987

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in silent reverie to recognize the lifetime achievements of Philip S. "Phil" Huffman, an outstanding Missourian who positively touched the lives of countless individuals during his journey on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Phil Huffman was born to M.J. and Lylian Huffman on November 25, 1943, in Springfield, Missouri, and was living in Hartville, Missouri, on January 11, 2005, when God took him home to the love and beauty of His everlasting light; and

Whereas, Phil Huffman will be greatly missed by his grieving family whose members include his wife, Sherry; his children and their spouses, Hilary and Lyndon Sommer of St. Louis and Grierson Philip and Bettrys Huffman of Centreville, Virginia; his mother, Lylian Huffman of Hartville; one sister, Marilyn Huffman of Springfield; eight brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard and Shirlee Ryals, Gerald and Colleen Ryals, Ron and Margaret Harmison, Paddy Joe and Joanne Davis, Phil and Shirley Comstock, Roger and Darlene Ryals, Ronnie and Vicki Ryals, and Keith and Debbie Mathews; and a host of other family members and friends; and

Whereas, Phil Huffman had also nurtured a very special relationship of love and devotion with other members of his family who preceded him in death, including his father, Judge M.J. Huffman; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John T. and Olive Ryals; one sister-in-law, Marjorie Luse Butler; and three brothers-in-law, Truman Ryals, Carl Luse, and Jack Comstock; and

Whereas, Phil Huffman earned a Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia and had the honor and privilege of serving the citizens of Missouri as an Associate Circuit Judge, a Prosecuting Attorney, and a City Attorney; and

Whereas, Phil Huffman had also enjoyed recognition as a Board member for Legal Services of Southern Missouri, Little League Baseball Coach, President of the Lions Club, Lay Minister for the Methodist Church, and Master of Ceremonies for numerous parades and Fourth of July fireworks displays; and

Whereas, weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning knowing Phil Huffman is safe in God's arms and we too one day will fly away to be with him again:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to Phil Huffman and in expressing to his family our deepest sympathy at this difficult time of tremendous personal loss; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Philip S. Huffman.

Offered by _____
Representative Van Kelly
District No. 144

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1987, adopted April 7, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker